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CONFIRMATION NO. 8726

Applicants : Kazunari SAKATA, et al.
Serial No. : 09/934,756) Art Unit : 3749
Filed : August 23, 2001) Examiner : Jiping LU
For : Heat Treatment System and Method For Cooling A Loading Chamber (as amended)

REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In lieu of payment of the Issue Fee in the subject application, due September 16, 2004, Applicants are submitting concurrent herewith a Request for Continued Examination and an Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that

Kazunari SAKATA
Shinya MOCHIZUKI
Motoki AKIMOTO, and
Hiroshi MOTONO

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be deleted as named inventors in the above-identified patent application. The contributions of Kazunari SAKATA, Shinya MOCHIZUKI, Motoko AKIMOTO and Hiroshi MOTONO are no longer being claimed in the present application due to the cancellation of non-elected claims 1-16 by the Amendment filed May 20, 2004.

Only originally-listed inventors (1) Koyu HASEGAWA, (2) Keiichi KATABUCHI and (3) Shingo WATANABE are the inventors of the subject matter of the claims remaining in this application.

Accordingly, it is requested that Kazunari SAKATA, Shinya MOCHIZUKI, Mokoto AKIMOTO and Hiroshi MOTONO be deleted from the listing of inventors.

Payment of the requisite processing fee (\$130) set forth in 37 CFR §1.117(i) is included in the attached check for \$900.

Entry and consideration of this Petition are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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